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Agricultural Summary: With the exception of isolated areas, dry conditions persisted throughout Colorado last week. Overall, mountain snowpack is 77 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	29	37	34	0
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	8	34	58	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	51	38	11	0
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Last Year	8	34	58	0

Small Grains: Nine percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, up from the five-year (2008-2012) average of 7 percent. The crop condition was rated mostly fair to poor as conditions have been consistently dry. Spring barley was 1 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind 5-year average of 8 percent. Spring wheat was 3 percent seeded by week's end compared to 4 percent on average.

Row Crops: Onion growers made modest progress, planting 3 percent of the crop compared with 7 percent on average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 17, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	19	32	37	11	1
Last Year	3	11	42	40	4

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Last year, 61 percent was rated fair to good at this time compared with 17 percent fair to good this year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 17, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	52	31	15	2	0
Prev. Year - 2012	13	26	43	18	0
5-Year Avg.	11	22	40	26	1

Livestock: Forty-three percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 30 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	43	45
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	30	34

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 17, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat Pastured	9	N/A	1	7
Spring Barley Seeded	1	N/A	11	8
Spring Wheat Seeded	3	N/A	9	4
Dry Onions Planted	3	N/A	4	7

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	8	43	47	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.